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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Secretary of Defense (Intelligence)

SUBJECT : Coordinated Review of Referenced  
Documents (B and C) and Preliminary  
DOD Plan of Action

REFERENCES :

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1. I have reviewed and appreciate your substantive response (Ref. a) to the referenced documents, b. and c. I agree that the greatest value of the OMB Report is its illumination of a variety of issues addressing the capability of the intelligence community to effectively satisfy consumer requirements on critical threat topics. While there remains some disagreement in detail, I am in general agreement on the direction and approach to action on the key issues raised in the OMB Report. Your response serves to bring the many features of the community's plan of action into sharper focus.

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2. I believe the most important activities are those associated with management and collection strategy. It is important that the intelligence community efforts to collect, process and produce finished intelligence be responsive to the needs of intelligence consumers. A major step in achieving this objective can be accomplished by: (1) improving the mechanism which develops effective, properly prioritized collection strategies in response to consumer-generated requirements; (2) insuring that this mechanism adequately reflects the technical considerations of processing and exploitation as well as those of collection; and (3) including an effective mechanism for consumer feedback.

25X1 3. Inasmuch as this is a community problem, I have asked the IC Staff, [ ] Program Evaluation Group, to work with your staff as well as the CIA and other interested agencies to undertake those studies that now need to go forward to solve the problems identified in the OMB Report.

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cc: Director, Defense Intelligence Agency  
Director, National Security Agency

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